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1. MISSION SHOULD INFORM UKUN WE ARE OPPOSED TO KENYAN
DRAFT RES ON NAMIBIA FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. OPERATIVE PARA 5. WE DO NOT BELIEVE SITUATION JUSTI-
FIES SUCH EXTREME FINDINGS AS "SOUTH AFRICA'S CONTINUED
ILLEGAL PRESENCE IN NAMIBIA CONSTITUTES AN ACT OF
AGGRESSION AND THEREFORE A THREAT TO PEACE AND SECURITY."

B. OP PARA 7. WE OPPOSED TO REFERENCES TO CHAPTER VII
ACTION.

C. OP PARA 10. LANGUAGE CONTAINED THIS PARA DISTORTS ICJ
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RULING WITH REGARD TO NAMIBIA.

2. YOU SHOULD TELL UKUN THAT WE ARE ACCORDINGLY PREPARED TO ARGUE FORCEFULLY GOING UP TO BUT NOT AT THIS TIME INCLUDING THREAT OF VETO, WITH KENYANS TO URGE AMENDMENT OF OFFENDING LANGUAGE. GIVEN OUR PREVIOUS SUCCESS IN HAVING MORE EXTREME PROPOSALS REGARDING NAMIBIA ALTERED, WE SEE CHANCE THAT PRESENT DRAFT MAY BE CHANGED SO AS TO ALLOW US TO

ABSTAIN. WE UNDERSTAND UKUN HAS ALREADY APPROACHED KENYANS WITH SIMILAR VIEW IN MIND AND WE HOPE THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS THEIR OBJECTIONS WITH AFRICANS AS STRONGLY AS POSSIBLE. RUSH

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